

## ABSTRACT

5 A system and method for collecting, storing, processing, and  
referencing information in a personal digital assistant system configured as an  
electronic physician assistant is provided. The system comprises a personal  
digital assistant having an electronic physician data module therein, a  
scanning device coupled to the electronic physician assistant, and an  
automated data collection module for electronically storing scanned data, the  
10 automated data collection module being associated with the electronic  
physician data module. The method scans a patient identification and  
associates the identified patient with a patient record. Furthermore, the  
method records medical data as an electronic file of information and assigns a  
readable code to the information. Then, when the code is accessed, the  
15 method associates the information with a patient record.